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SUBJ: ICRC CONFERENCE ON WEAPONS

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1. WE CALLED ON OMER AKBEL, SECTIONCHIEF, MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPT. ON JULY 11 TO URGE TURKEY TO RESPOND TO INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF RED CROSS (ICRC) LETTER ON WHETHER OR NOT PRG SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN SEPT-OCT 1974 CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS ON WEAPONS, LUCERNE, AND TO STATE IN ITS RESPONSE THAT GOT OPPOSES PRG PARTICIPATION. WE STRESSED, INTER ALIA, OUR VIEW THAT PARTICIPATION ISSUE HAD ALREADY BEEN SETTLED, AND THAT SO-CALLED PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM IS NOT A GOVERNMENT (REF C).

2. AKBEL RESPONDED THAT TURKEY WOULD NOT ALTER ITS POSITION OF
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ABSTENTION ON QUESTION OF PRG PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL

CONFERENCES. WHEN REMINDED THAT JULY 31 IS DEADLINE FOR REPLYING TO ICRC, HE SAID MFA WOULD ENDEAVOR TO RESPOND AND MAKE ITS POSITION KNOWN IN WRITING BY THIS DATE.

3. COMMENT: WE REGRET DELAY IN MAKING THIS APPROACH TO GOT. PROBLEM IS THAT MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPT. NOT ONLY IS UNDERSTAFFED BUT IS ACTION OFFICE FOR OPIUM QUESTION AND LAW OF SEA/GREEK-TURK AEGEAN DISPUTE AS WELL, AND THIS MAKES APPOINTMENTS DIFFICULT (FOR INSTANCE, USUAL ICRC ACTION OFFICER IS AT CARACAS LOS CONFERENCE, WHILE ACTING HEAD OF DEPT. HAS BEEN AT PARLIAMENT DURING DEBATES ON CONTINENTAL SHELF). HAVE ENCOUNTERED SAME DIFFICULTY IN TAKING ACTION ON STATE 99106 AND STATE 104050, WHICH WE WILL DO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SPAIN

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